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Iowa Child and Family Services Stakeholder Panel

AGENDA

August 10, 2009 - 9:30 am. to 3:00 p.m.

West Des Moines Public Library, 4000 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, IA

Focus of Meeting - Maintaining Family Connections

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, & Setting the context for Maintaining Family Connections
Gail Barber, Iowa Judicial Branch - CFSR perspective
Margaret Wright, Iowa Department of Human Services - Fostering Connections Act
- 9:50 a.m. Family Interaction Plan, Overview & Update – Wendy Rickman, DHS & Janice Lane, Children & Families of Iowa
- 10:20 a.m. Iowa Foster & Adoptive Parent Association (IFAPA) and Parent Partners Training on Resource Parent and Birth Parent Involvement – Jessica Culp, IFAPA & Kyla Madsen, DHS
- 10:50 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Midwest Child Welfare Implementation Center (MCWIC) Grant to Expand Parent Partners – Sandy Lint, DHS & Mark Ells and Steve Martens University Nebraska, MCWIC
- 11:45 a.m. Application for Family Connections Grant – Kelli Malone, Iowa KidsNet
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch [bring own lunch or you can purchase a lunch from the cafe in the building]
- 12:30 p.m. Juvenile Justice involvement of Families – Scott Hobart, Chief Juvenile Court Officer & Amy Gosnel, Families Inc.
- 1:00 p.m. Small Group Discussions and Report Out (includes a Break) - All
- How have outcomes changed for families when parents are engaged (like Parent Partners)?
 - What barriers are there to maintaining family/familial relationships for children out-of-home, and how do we address them?
 - What can be done to include parent voice in policy and practice?
- 2:15 p.m. Information Sharing - All
Budget Update
Courts – Children's Justice Initiative
DHS – Group Care and Permanency Work, Disproportionality Work, Fostering Care age 18+
Other Upcoming Events/Activities/Changes
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

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